

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2009, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following: